



Welcome

Hurrah!

It's autumn and time to plant. Gardening is a perfect way to relax and forget about the worries of the world.

There's plenty to do in the autumn garden: potatoes and broad beans to plant, everlastings to sow. You may choose to replace tired lawns with easy care native ground covers.

Although most gardens look a little worn after a long hot summer, there are many Australian plants looking good at this time of the year. Page two features some of these spectacular autumn flowers.

We hope that you find peace in your garden this autumn.

See you at Zanthorrea soon!

– Alec, Jackie and the team



Display Gardens Award

Special congratulations to Mark who tends the Zanthorrea gardens.

Zanthorrea won a national prize for the display garden at the recent Australian Garden Industry awards announced at Homebush, Sydney.



What's on at Zanthorrea?

Staff News

Despite a long hot summer and water restrictions, we have been busier than expected at Zanthorrea. We have employed two new team members to help us with plant maintenance.

Welcome to Daniel who spends two days a week at Zanthorrea helping Alec and Ross maintain the growing area. After only a few weeks, we are delighted with how much Daniel has achieved.

We also welcome Kelsie who spends three mornings a week maintaining the retail plant area and is the smiling face in the shop on those afternoons. Kelsie's enthusiasm and energy is much appreciated.

Claire has been touring the Barking Gecko production *The Cat Who Ran*, but will be back in April to have fun with the Bilby Club. For information about the Bilby Club, call in to the nursery and pick up a newsletter.

Perth Flower & Garden Show

3rd April to 8th April, Perry Lakes.

Look out for the Zanthorrea display at Ecotopia. Kathy and Andrea have put together a wonderful Flora for Fauna display featuring our elusive native bees.

Gardening Talks

Flora for Fauna

Find out how to have a natural garden full of colour movement and life. *Saturday 26th April, 10am*



New Plants for Old

Now is the time to divide kangaroo paws. Learn about plant division as an easy method of propagation.



Saturday 24th May, 10am

Display Garden Walk

Join Alec for a stroll through our display gardens. *Saturday 28th June, 10am, RSVP on 94546260*





Fabulous Flora

What's flowering in autumn?

- *Correas* in many colours.

Native fuchsias come in many shapes and sizes, and look dramatic in the autumn. Look for pink 'Dusky Bells', apricot *C. pulchella*, red *C. reflexa* and green (yes! green) *C. bauerlinii* or Chefs cap correa.



Correa 'Dusky Bells'

- *Banksia 'Birthday Candles'*

A compact form of *Banksia spinulosa*, this wonderful small plant is in flower now with large golden candle flowers. Perfect in a large pot with masses of blooms to bring in the birds.



Banksia 'Birthday Candles'

- *Callistemons*

Many of the bottlebrushes flower in autumn as well as spring. Look out for 'Captain Cook' and 'Little John' which add a splash of colour to the garden at this time of year.

- *Grevilleas galore*

Many grevilleas flower in autumn and winter, from the lovely cream and pink flowered *G. lanigera* to the striking *G. 'Gilt Dragon'*.

Kanyana Plant of the Month

Black and green kangaroo paw
(*Macropidia fuliginosa*)



This very special plant grows best in full sun and in a well drained soil. It has very striking furry black stems with black and green flowers winter and spring. Slow growing compared to other paws, it will not need dividing for ten years. They respond very well to some fertiliser. At planting, enrich the soil with a few litres of soil improver and use 5g of slow release fertiliser. For each plant sold, \$1 goes to Kanyana Wildlife Centre.

Visit Kanyana on-line at
www.kanyanawildlife.org.au

Don't lose your cool, lose your lawn!

After a blistering summer, it makes sense to reduce lawn areas to a bare minimum. A beautiful green lawn is lovely to look at but requires plenty of water for it to thrive.



A cool green look can be achieved using native ground covers which use a fraction of the water a lawn needs.

Check out these prostrate plants when you visit:

- *Grevillea 'Gingin Gem'*
- *Hemiandra pungens*
- *Myoporum parvifolium*
- *Helichrysum ramosissimum*
- *Grevillea 'Bronze Rambler'*
- *Kennedia prostrata*

For a little more height use:

- *Grevillea crithmifolia*
- *Grevillea brachystachya*
- *Correa reflexa Prostrate*
- *Ereophila glabra Prostrate*
- *Kunzea ambigua Prostrate*
- *Leptospermum Pink Cascade*





Autumn, time to plant!

Time to Plant Everlastings

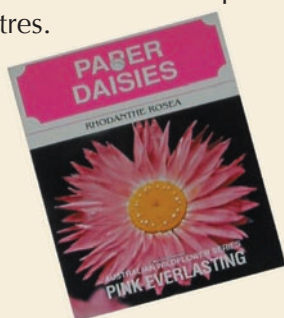
Autumn is the time to plant everlastings, from now through to June. For a really good show you need to keep a few things in mind.

1. Select a site that gets lots of sun, preferably more than four hours a day.
2. If this area had weeds last year, let this year's crop of weeds germinate (or water the area to bring them up!) and then dig them in.
3. Mix the seed with a 'carrier' - a shovel or two of clean sand or soil improver to help spread the seed evenly.
4. Walk all over the area to press the seed into the ground - or water it in if you are too tired from all that weed control!



If the first rains have come, you should get the first shoots up in one week. Watch for snails which chomp merrily on the new plants.

Small packs of seed cover from 1 to 5 square metres, from \$1.95. Bulk packs of seed will cover up to 25 square metres.



New Plants for Old

Kangaroo paws are fairly trouble free but now is the time to help them give you a good show this year.

New plants (one year old) could do with 10g Osmocote or a small handful of general purpose fertiliser. Older plants may like some of the older tattier leaves removed and a big clump could use twice as much fertiliser.



Very old plants (5 to 10 years) may look so ratty you want to mow them off to ground level before feeding. Rest assured they will spring up and look fresh in a month or so.

If you want to divide your old or very old paws - now is the time for that as well. Remove them bodily from the ground, cut off all the leaves and most of the roots, and wriggle the rhizome into bits. Replant or pot these and look after them very well until the new roots form - at least two months.

We have lots of roo paws available now including our WA emblem, the black paw, the hardier of the Bush Gem group and our old favourites Big Red and Yellow Gem.

- Alec

PS: Join us for the talk about dividing kangaroo paws - see page 1.

Spuds



With winter fast approaching it's time to SPUD DOWN. We've a whole range of tasty new seed potatoes, including the newly available Ruby Lou, ready to dig in.

Make a 20cm trench, add some blood and bone, sheep manure and potato manure E if you're really keen. Mix lightly and plant your spuds. Mound up the soil as the shoots emerge for a bumper crop.

Broad Beans

For the last two years there's been a shortage of broad bean seeds - but we're well stocked up this year with WA grown seeds. No wonder these are in such demand - so yummy and easy to grow, and they feature in all the trendy Jamie Oliver type recipes. As a legume, they grow in very poor soil (as long as the drainage is good) but add some blood and bone or sheep manure to be kind to them.

- Sue





What's New?

Sloggers Clogs

The perfect way to enjoy the garden without getting your feet wet! Slip your toes into a pair of slogger clogs. They're soooo comfy!
Still only \$44.95



Introducing Sloggers scrub boots

Great for the garden with stretch-fit collar, comfortable support footbed and reinforced heel.

The most comfy boots around, in sage or black, for both men and women. \$64.95



Win Win Win!

We have two pairs of scrub boots or clogs to give away. Invent a humorous use for gumboots, or write a poem song or joke to make us laugh.

Drop your entry into the nursery with your name and contact number.

Mothers Day, 11th May

'Rivergums and Roses'

Mums of all ages will love this range of embroidered linen. Owned and made in Australia, they are useful as well as beautiful.

Blue wren
face cloth
\$9.95



Scullys gardeners hand cream

A fabulous cream to use before and after gardening. Made in NZ from the best ingredients, and imported due to very popular demand.

My favourite! \$14.95



Seasol

As it says on the bottle, Seasol is a 'complete garden health treatment'. A brilliant tonic to give sick and slow growing plants a new lease of life, or to simply boost a healthy plant along.

It promotes root development increasing drought tolerance (which every plants needs!). It also strengthens the cell walls of the plant, increasing their resistance to disease, insect and fungal attack.

Now available in a large hose attachment sprays as well as the regular sizes. treat your garden soon.



Debco Propagation Mix

When growing seeds or cuttings, try this mix. We did with great success! In our trialling of new products, this mix showed more strike and better root development than our own perlite / cocopeat mix.

Six litre bags @ \$5.45 make it good for us to use - we can grow about 800 cuttings or several thousand seeds in that quantity of mix. I don't know the ingredients but it is a peaty mix with coarse quartz chunks. The water holding should be ample for home growing.

- Alec



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